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February 10, 1984

Ms. Muffie Meier
1801 Century Park East
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Los Angeles, CA 90067

Re: Advice Letter No. A-84-028

Dear Ms. Meier:

In your letter of January 18, 1984, you asked for advice regarding the reporting of an outstanding loan made by a major donor committee during 1983 which will in part be repaid and in part forgiven in 1984. You asked if this activity is required to be reported if the person does not qualify as a major donor committee in 1984.

A loan forgiveness is included within the definition of "contribution" (Gov. Code Section 82015). Therefore, if the loan forgiveness is for an amount of \$5,000 or more, by forgiving the loan in 1984, the committee will requalify for 1984 as a major donor committee (Gov. Code Section 82013(c)).

In our telephone conversation of last week, I advised you that this activity would not count toward the \$5,000 threshold to qualify as a major donor during 1984. However, the staff has reconsidered this advice and has concluded that a loan forgiveness does, in fact, count toward the qualification of a major donor committee and would trigger a campaign filing requirement.

I hope this has adequately answered your question. Please contact me if you have any further questions.

Sincerely,

Mary Ann Kvasager
Political Reform Consultant

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18 January 1984

Ms. Mary Ann Kvasager
Fair Political Practices Commission
1100 - K - Street
Sacramento, California 95814

Dear Ms. Kvasager:

Per our conversation this morning I am requesting a written ruling on the following:


If a major donor from calander year 1983 still has an outstanding loan to a committee that is in part in be repayed and in part to be forgiven in 1984, when and how are those actions to be reported on form 461 in 1984?

Do the actions have to be reported whether or not the major donor qualified as a major donor in 1984?

Please respond to me at the above address.

Thank you very much for your attention and time on this matter.

Sincerely,



Muffie Meier

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